

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A terminal-associated device is combined with a terminal device that is to be protected against unauthorized use, and a key device is carried by the user. The terminal-associated
5 device has a memory for storing information of the key device. When the user who is carrying the key device moves away from the terminal device combined with the terminal-associated device until the terminal-associated device and the key device are no longer capable of connecting to each other
10 based on a short-range radio communication technique such as Bluetooth, radio LAN, or the like, the terminal-associated device locks the terminal device against use.